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May 19, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband
Internet Access Service by Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association- Study Area
#351329**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order, Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2017, Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association plans to offer wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jayne Hochstedler".

Jayne Hochstedler
CFO
Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association
305 8th Avenue
Wellman, Iowa 52356

CC: Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Terry Branstad, Governor of Iowa
Geri Huser, Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board
NECA Region Manager

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Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service on a Permissive
Detariffed Basis
Effective July 1, 2017

Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association
(Study Area 351329)
305 8th Avenue
Wellman, Iowa 52356
319-646-6075

CC Docket No. 02-33

Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2017 Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association will begin offering wireline broadband internet access service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive detariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order¹. The geographic areas affected are those Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association exchanges where DSL is technically feasible.

Today, this service is provided to Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association's ISP. The ISP purchases wireline broadband access service for use as a component in their broadband internet service sold to residential and business consumers. End user service provided will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association. As stated in the attached customer notice Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association will continue to offer services to existing ISP customers under current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement.

Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association's rates, terms and conditions for its permissively detariffed wireline broadband access service will be available at its office located at 305 8th Avenue, Wellman, Iowa 52356 and on its website at <http://www.wellmantelephone.com/>

¹See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Red 14853 (2005). FCC 05-150 (rel. September 23, 2005), (Wireline Broadband Order)



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jayne Hochstedler, do certify that I have, on this 19th day of May, 2017:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of WirelineBroadband Internet Access Service on a Permissive Detariffed Basis to the following:

Governor Terry Branstad
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue
Room 69
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

NECA - Region Manager
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981-1009

2. Serviced via paper copy of the Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband InternetAccess Service on a Permissive Detariffed Basisto the following:

Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association.
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Dear Valued Customer:

CC Docket No. 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association- Study Area #351329

Currently Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association is purchasing wholesale broadband transport service from Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association under NECA Tariff Number 5. This letter is to notify that effective July 1, 2017 services will be provided to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis.

The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change for your existing service. Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association's rates terms and conditions for its non-tariffed wireline broadband access service are available at its office located at 305 8th Avenue, Wellman, Iowa 52356 and on its website at <http://www.wellmantelephone.com/>.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 15-150) released September 24, 2015 in Docket No. 02-33. In the order the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively detariffed basis.

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